

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer method for editing a form, comprising:

displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, the form being a database query, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink including at least one hyperlink target, the hyperlink target identified by a link to a choice satisfying the element on the form~~Universal Resource Locator (URL)~~, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of

(i) a link from the form to another location, wherein the another location is identified by a reference to valid variables ~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target and

(ii) a link from the form to another file, wherein the another file is identified by a reference to a selection of choices~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target; upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presenting the control for user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the element is part of a formula.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control is a list of choices.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control is a dialog box.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the control is a text entry field.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer system for editing a form, comprising:

a user interface for displaying information to a user and for accepting input from the user;

a hyperlink displayed on the user interface for an element in the form, the form being a spreadsheet, to indicate to the user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink including at least one hyperlink target, the hyperlink target identified by a link to a choice satisfying the element on the form~~Universal Resource Locator (URL)~~, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of

(i) a link from the form to another location, wherein the another location is identified by a reference to valid variables ~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target and

(ii) a link from the form to another file, wherein the another file is identified by a reference to a selection of choices ~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target; upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, the control displayed on the user interface for user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, a new element responsive to user action replacing the element.

12. (Original) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for editing a form, the form being a database query, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

displays a hyperlink for an element in the form, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink including at least one hyperlink target, the hyperlink target identified by a link to a choice satisfying the element on the form~~Universal Resource Locator (URL)~~, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of

(i) a link from the form to another location, wherein the another location is identified by a reference to valid variables ~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target and

(ii) a link from the form to another file, wherein the another file is identified by a reference to a selection of choices ~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target; upon a selection of the hyperlink by the user, presents the control for user interaction; and

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the element with a new element responsive to user action.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 11, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 11, wherein the element is part of a formula.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 11, wherein the control is a list of choices.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 19, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 11, wherein the control is a dialog box.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 11, wherein the control is a text entry field.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the element is part of a formula.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the control is a list of choices.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the

control is a dialog box.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the control is a text entry field.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising program code which:

upon completion of user interaction with the control, replaces the element with a new element responsive to user action, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.

32. - 40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A computer system for editing a form, comprising:

means for displaying a hyperlink for an element in the form, the form being a spreadsheet, to indicate to a user that a control is available for the element, said hyperlink including at least one hyperlink target, the hyperlink target identified by a link to a choice satisfying the element on the form~~Universal Resource Locator (URL)~~, said hyperlink providing one of the group consisting of

(i) a link from the form to another location, wherein the another location is identified by a reference to valid variables~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target and

(ii) a link from the form to another file, wherein the another file is identified by a reference to a selection of choices~~particular URL~~ in the hyperlink target;

means for presenting the control for user interaction in response to a selection of the hyperlink by the user; and

means for replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action in response to completion of user interaction with the control.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 41, wherein the element is part of a calculation.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 41, wherein the element is part of a formula.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 41, wherein the control is a list of choices.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 46, wherein the list of choices is a pull-down menu.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 41, wherein the control is a dialog box.

49. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 41, wherein the control is a text entry field.

50. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 41, further comprising:
means for replacing the element with a new element responsive to user action in response to completion of user interaction with the control, wherein the control is selected from a group of controls consisting of a list, a dialog box and a text entry field.